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DEPT PASS AGRICULTURE FOR HUME AND FITZSIMMONDS

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SUBJ: GRAPEFRUIT/CARIBFLY

REF: TOKYO 11408

1. MAF UNDER EXTREME PRESSURE FROM GROWERS TO PLACE BAN ON
GRAPEFRUIT IMPORTS UNTIL CARIBFLY PROBLEM RESOLVED.

CONSEQUENTLY ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE IS BEING USED TO PER-
SUADE IMPORTERS TO DELAY IMPORTS UNTIL SOLUTION IS
REACHED.

2. HOWEVER, MAF INVESTIGATIONS HAVE REVEALED FOLLOWING
LIST OF GRAPEFRUIT SHIPMENTS BEING PREPARED FOR JAPAN:

SHIP NAME	LOADING PORT	PLANNED DE- PARTURE DATE
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JAPAN AMBROSE	SAVANNAH	SEPT 10
KUROBEMARU	JACKSONVILLE	SEPT 25-27
TOMEIMARU	SAVANNAH	OCT 7-8
NEW JERSEY	JACKSONVILLE	OCT 22

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VERANO BRIDGE	SAVANNAH	NOV 6-7
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ALL ABOVE SHIPS REPORTEDLY CONTAINER SHIPS.

3. MAF URGENTLY REQUESTS USDA VIA AGATT OFFICE USE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO STOP SHIPMENTS UNTIL AFTER MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO CARIBFLY PROBLEM REACHED. SHOULD SHIPMENT(S) ARRIVE HERE BEFORE THAT TIME, MAF, DUE TO POLITICAL PRESSURE, FROM CITRUS PRODUCERS WILL BE OBLIGED PROHIBIT IMPORTATION.

4. MAF AGAIN URGENTLY REQUESTING U.S. TO SEND EXPERT(S) DISCUSS MATTER.

5. AGATT FEELS IT EXTREMELY URGENT TO SEND (A) RESEARCH ENTOMOLOGIST SUCH AS SUGGESTED IN REFTTEL; (B) FITZSIMMONDS; AND (C) RAINWATER TO TOKYO ASAP TO GET THIS SOLVED. SUGGEST FITZSIMMONDS AND RAINWATER BECAUSE OF THEIR PREVIOUS CONTACT WITH FUKUDA AS WELL AS THEIR EXPERTISE AND OFFICIAL STANDING.
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